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3. SAG Student Scholarships - None to Study in UAR. Government scholarship holders will study in European, USA, Pakistan and Lebanese colleges and universities during 1963-64 school year. Communications media during week under review featured report scholarship awards to 194 students who passed recent secondary school exams. For first time no Saudi winners government scholarships are being sent for study in UAR. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Severing educational connection with Egyptian schools serious additional rupture in Saudi-UAR cultural relations. UAR influence on Saudi youth studying in Cairo, Alexandria has been substantial. (UNCLASSIFIED)

4. Dismissal Chief Development Advisor. Crown Prince Faysal ordered dismissal Harold FOLK, Chief Advisor to Supreme Planning Board, effective August 22. No reason given for firing and Embassy still unable uncover satisfactory explanation. Nevertheless, clear signs had been emerging for some time that Folk's days were numbered.

(CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: Embassy believes withdrawal of Folk's drive, wide experience and high standards of performance and honesty from development effort entails serious loss for Saudis, particularly if they have not yet arranged substitute for his position... This decision may well make it difficult to attract men or organizations of equally high caliber to replace him, even in revamped development organization. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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2. Visit of USS CONWAY. Destroyer USS CONWAY visited Jidda August 24-26. It conducted radar control exercises with AFELM aircraft before arrival and on departure Jidda enroute Aqaba. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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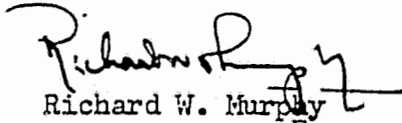
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2. AFS Scholarship: First Saudi student to win American Field Service scholarship for junior year in U.S. awarded to Saudi girl. Al-Bilad August 26 carried account describing selection procedure, purposes AFS awards. (UNCLASSIFIED)

Comment: Striking that first Saudi undertake AFS program was female. Two male candidates, one of whom won award, dropped out at last minute. Embassy keeping fingers crossed that girl's stay and study will prove successful introduction this program in Kingdom, anticipates increased interest in AFS scholarships for 1964-65. (UNCLASSIFIED)

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